

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**1. Allowable Subject Matter:**

Claims 14-17, 20, 21 have been allowed, wherein claims 14 and 21 are independent claims.

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**2. Amendment of Claim 1:**

Claim 1 is amended by incorporating the limitation of "at least a deep isolation trench formed in the substrate and at least a channel stop region formed in the bottom of the deep isolation trench" from claim 21 as the original claim 1 had contained all the limitations of claim 21 excepting the description of "the deep isolation trench" and "the channel stop region formed in the bottom of the deep isolation trench". No new matter is introduced. Since claim 21 has been allowed in the last Office Action, the amended claim 1 containing all the limitations of claim 21 should be allowable. Claims 11 and 12 are canceled. Accordingly, the dependent claims 2-5, 6-10, 13 of the amended claim 1 should also be allowable.

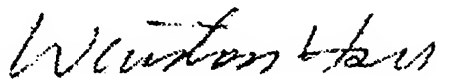
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As a result, the applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance as required. Therefore, applicants respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,



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